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•NEW SCHOOL POLICY

SSU alcohol policy changed

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A new policy, introduced by the Alcohol Task Force, calls for the University to take disciplinary action against students who are charged off-campus with the illegal sale and/or distribution of alcohol.

This policy change was suggested to serve the well-being of students and the interests of the University. The main goal of the proposal is to minimize the frequency of large gatherings, where students are most at risk for serious negative outcomes, such as

assault and battery, sexual assault and drinking and driving.

According to Dr. Carol Williamson, Vice President of Student Affairs, the disciplinary action taken by the University will depend upon the details of each situation and could include a written or verbal warning, a fine or community service.

"It isn't just people trying to think of disciplinary action. In these settings, students are put at risk," said Williamson.

In Fall 1998, the Alcohol Task Force held an open meeting with

students, a discussion in the SGA general assembly and a discussion at two meetings of the Student Affairs department heads, to review the policy. Students expressed concerns about double jeopardy, invasion of privacy and geographic scope.

However, because University disciplinary action is civil, not criminal, double jeopardy does not pertain. The supporters of the policy feel that students' privacy would not be invaded, since the student gatherings that would be affected by this policy are large,

unsafe and unhealthy, and are not a private matter. For the most part, the jurisdiction would be local, but should the University feel that interests were at stake some distance from campus, action could be taken.

If the policy is approved, the University will depend upon timely local police incident reports naming the students charged with illegal sale and/or distribution of alcohol. Local police representation will be required at University hearings.



SSU hosts annual Honors Convocation

Office of Public Relations
Special to The Flyer

SSU hosts its annual Honors Convocation Ceremony on Friday, May 7, at 3:30 p.m. in Holloway Hall Auditorium. The event continues the tradition of SSU, honoring students who have made significant contributions to the campus community through scholarship and extracurricular activities.

The spring ceremony also provides an opportunity for the campus community to recognize and honor a former graduate who has continued to make a difference in the community through his/her work, volunteerism and leadership. This year's honored alumni speaker will be Leonard Foxwell (class of '92), a political science major who worked with Governor Parris Glendening after graduation and who continues to work closely with the

governor's office today. Now employed with the Maryland Department of Transportation, Foxwell has selected as the title of his address, "The Best of Times."

The May Convocation will introduce a number of new annual awards and scholarships. The Penelope Jarman Memorial Scholarship will be awarded in memory of Penelope Jarman, to an education major who has a special interest in early childhood education. Jarman was an early childhood educator as well and one of the first kindergarten teachers on the Eastern Shore.

The Education Department has also received a new scholarship from the Institute of Retired Persons for a secondary education major, the third scholarship provided by that organization for SSU students.

The Honors Program will

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SSU's Spanish Club, winner of the 1999 Community Service Award at the CUL, is holding its annual Cinco de Mayo party. The "fiesta" begins at 8:00

p.m. on Wednesday, May 5 and runs until 11:00 p.m., in the Crossroads. There is free food for all who attend and enough music for you to dance the night away!

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From the World to The Flyer

Arundel boys arrested for having bomb materials

On Thursday, Apr. 29, as funerals continued in a shell-shocked community in Colorado, three Glen Burnie High School freshmen were arrested after school officials received warnings that the youths were threatening classmates and plotting to bomb the school. Almost immediately, the homes of the three boys were searched. Bombs and bomb-making devices were found, Anne Arundel County Police said, and one of the boys acknowledged taunting other students about a hit list. The school's spokeswoman, Jane Doyle, said a number of kids came to administrators late Wednesday with a wealth of disturbing information: Three male students apparently had threatened several others during a hallway skirmish. They had boasted about making bombs, and had warned of an attack.



nationalists on the Mediterranean island. Nationalists in Corsica have waged a 23-year campaign of bombings against public buildings and French businesses, demanding greater autonomy or even independence. But evidence now hints that the head of police on the island and three members of an elite anti-terrorism squad have been suspended and placed under investigation — one step short of being charged — on suspicion of starting the fire.

\$2 million award in smoking lawsuit

On Thursday, Apr. 29, a Baltimore jury awarded more than \$2 million to a cancer victim who smoked cigarettes with asbestos filters — a landmark verdict against the twin poisons of tobacco and asbestos. The verdict against the manufacturer of Kent cigarettes, which used asbestos in its filters for four years in the 1950s, and Hollingsworth & Vose Co., which made the "Micronite" filters, is the largest in a series of lawsuits brought against both companies in the past decade. Lawyers for Lorillard Inc., which manufactures Kent, Newport and Old Gold cigarettes, said they would appeal the \$2.2 million verdict. The companies have won all but two of the 11 other suits that have been tried.

College on Taiwan identifies 'Chernobyl' virus author

On Thursday, Apr. 29, a former computer engineering student was identified by his college as the author of the "Chernobyl" virus, which caused hundreds of thousands of computer failures around the world this week. The Tatung Institute of Technology punished Chen Ing-hau last April, when the virus he wrote as a student began to cause damage in an intercollege data system, said Lee Chee-chen, the institute's dean of student affairs. Chen, a senior at the time, was given a demerit but was not expelled. The unusually destructive virus — timed to strike Monday, the 13th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster — attacks Microsoft Windows 95 and Windows 98 files.

French police questioned about role in firebombing

On Thursday, Apr. 29, the French government came under mounting pressure to explain the alleged involvement of police officers in the firebombing of a Corsican restaurant. An Apr. 20 fire destroyed "Chez Francis" on a beach near the provincial capital, Ajaccio. Initially, it was thought to be the latest in a line of similar attacks by

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Overheard on Red Square

What SSU is talking about this week...

Naked People at Washington College?

So, when do they come to SSU?

Reconciliation

A clean Tommy Lee and a flat Pamela Anderson? Well, that takes all the fun out of it.

New alcohol policy

It's a good thing the Salisbury "Po-Po" have to come to our hearings now too. But, who's taking care of all the serious crime?

Ceremony honors SSU scholars

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award the John and Mary-Claire Roth Honors Thesis Prize to the Honors student who is judged have written the best Honors thesis out of the graduating class.

Medical technology will recognize one of its outstanding students who has demonstrated academic excellence, technical skills and dedication to the profession, as its first National Committee on Clinical Laboratory Standards Honored Graduate.

The Merwin Leadership Scholarship has been established to recognize a student who has demonstrated leadership and direction, positively impacting the entire campus community.

In addition to the new scholarships and awards, students will

be recognized for their achievements with honored awards traditionally presented by faculty from departments in their respective schools: the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies, the Henson School of Science and Technology, the Fulton School of Liberal Arts and the Perdue School of Business. Campus Life and Achievement Key Awards will be presented to those students excelling in academic and campus activities and students who have been initiated in campus honor societies will be recognized. Initiates into Lambda Pi Eta, a new national communication honor society for undergraduates, will be introduced for the first time as well.

The public is invited to attend. For additional information, contact the SSU Public Relations Office at 410-543-6030.

SSU-TV holds Video Festival

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The SSU-TV Video Festival will be held in Caruthers Hall Auditorium on Monday, May 10, at 7 p.m. This is the fifth year for the event, formerly known as the SSU-ITVA Video Festival. The Festival showcases SSU student productions and is an opportunity to reward outstanding achievement.

The Festival is a culmination of a SSU student competition. Students who chose to enter the Festival were either enrolled in communication arts video production classes within the last year, or were producers of programming for SSU-TV Channel 12, the campus cable channel. The students could enter their productions in one of the following six categories: "CMAT 136" (the beginning television studio class,) "Commercials and Public Service Announcements," "Informative," "Entertainment," "Music Video" and "SSU-TV" (complete programs that ran regularly).

All entries are judged by local television professionals from WBOC-Channel 16 and WMDT-

Channel 47. The majority of these judges are SSU alumni. Productions are judged on technical merit as well as content. Two awards will be given for each category ("Excellence" and "Merit"). In addition, one production will be awarded the "Best of Show" trophy.

The SSU-TV Video Festival is free and open to the public. Anyone wishing for more information concerning this event, can contact Frances Kendall at 410-543-6205.



Multicultural Festival



"Hands Around the Campus" proved to be a tremendous success, uniting community members, SSU students, and over 600 elementary aged children. This symbol of peace provided hope for future generations, and displayed SSU's immense desire for tolerance and unity among all people.



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Voices

What do you think about the new alcohol policy?



"I think that charging students for drinking off-campus is unfair, and is going to increase the amount of on-campus drinking. If you're going to get in trouble with the school anyway, you may as well stay on campus."

Jessica Hobson

"If it doesn't happen on school property, what right does the school have to get involved?"

Elise Micena

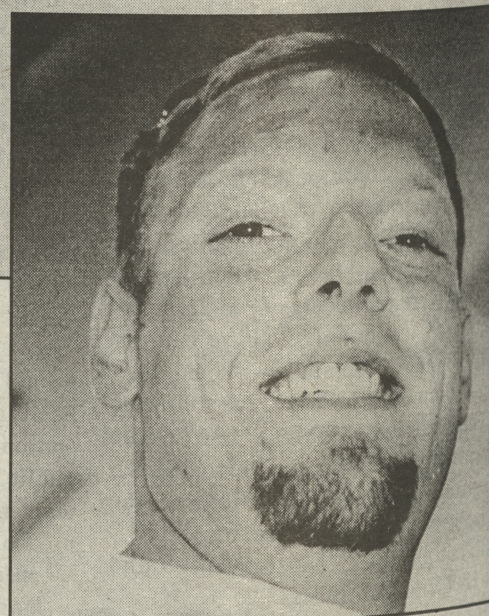


Beata Kaczorowski

"I think it's a bad idea because it punishes someone twice for the same mistake."

"I didn't think it was fair when they did it before."

Greg Penczek

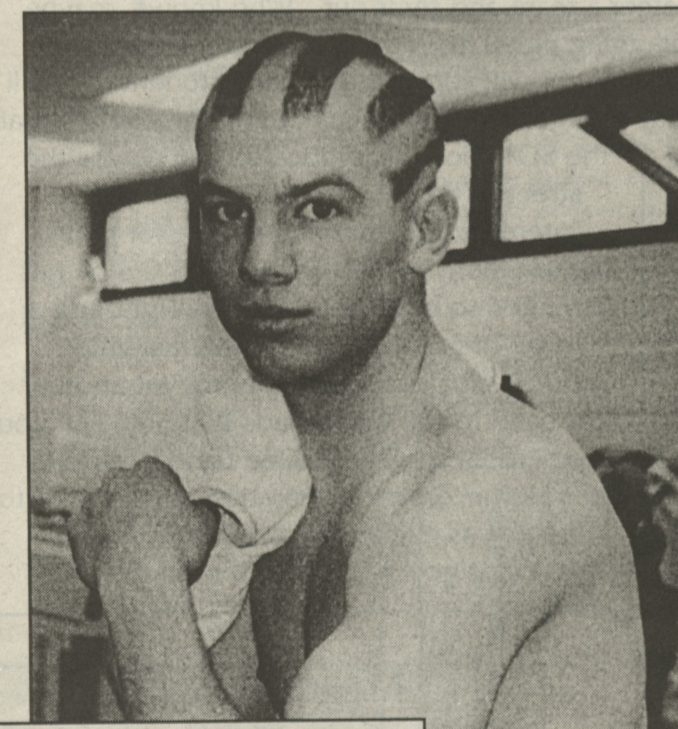


Campus Sightings

"Singing in the Rain!" (or the closest thing to rain)



Don't complain - if you heard the bagpipes from your room, you weren't celebrating diversity.



That is a pretty impressive haircut. It's sure to be the summer fashion.

Campus Sightings

Each week, we will capture the best and brightest of SSU's campus community.

If you think you have pictures worthy of Campus Sightings, send them in!!! (2nd floor of the GUC)



To expand our diversity, we suggest SSU sending us to some Hawaiian island! We'll learn the customs of foreign lands in no time.

The SGA NEWSLETTER

From The SGA

Here's a taste of what we're working on for you, SSU! As always, please feel free to let us know what's on your mind. There are plenty of ways to let us know, so just reach out and touch us!

<http://sga.ssu.edu>
(410) 548-4757
GUC Room 125N
Student Activities Center

Calendar

Sunday, May 9-
SGA Forum, 6:30 p.m., Wicomico Room

Monday, May 17-21 -
Finals Week

Sunday, May 23 -
Graduation, 3:30 p.m., Wicomico Youth and Civic Center

Stay tuned for more!

Homecoming '99

We know that it is only the end of April and Homecoming is still months away, but we're preparing now to make this year's Homecoming (the weekend of October 1st) even better than last year. We want to let you know what we are planning. And, if you have any of your own ideas that you want us to consider, you can put them in the SGA Comment Boxes, drop them off in the SGA Office, or even easier, e-mail them to us.

Spirit Week (the entire week before Homecoming) is starting to take shape. We plan on having a co-ed flag football tournament during the week, with the championship game happening at half-time of the real game, SSU vs. Catholic. We really would like to see all registered student organizations put together a team and try it out. Who knows, maybe your team could take home the bragging rights from the inaugural game!

As always, the bonfire scheduled for Friday night will surely draw many students. You'll get pumped up for the big game on Saturday and get ready to check out all the cool stuff at the SGA Block Party located just across the street at the intramural fields. If you're



interested in reserving a table for your organization, just let us know. S.O.A.P. has arranged to have both a Pillow Fight and a huge Titanic Fun Slide at the festivities. S.O.A.P. also has plans to bring yet another great band to the Crossroads that night. If you remember the Pat McGee Band from last year's Homecoming celebration, you're sure to be just as excited by this year's show. You're not going to want to miss this year!

Comment Corner

We've been collecting your comments from the Comment Boxes around campus and decided to print a few in this week's paper. We'll direct your comments to the appropriate people. If you don't see your comment here, be sure to check our web page. This week's topic: Crossroads Club.

There should be a greater variety of food and we should be able to use our meal plans there.

Crossroads should be moved to the Gull's Nest.

There should be more dances.

Crossroads should offer alcohol specials.

Crossroads Club

Speaking of the Crossroads Club, there are going to be a lot of changes with the Crossroads for the fall semester. We are looking for a group of people who will be in Salisbury over the summer and would like to serve on a Crossroads Advisory Committee. If you would like to have some input on the future of Crossroads and serve on the committee, please let us know. For now, the plans are to meet about once a week for discussion.

Mentor Program

WANTED: Willing individuals who wish to lend a helping hand to incoming freshmen for the fall semester. As a mentor (to one student), your duty is to help make the first days of college as stress-free as possible. If they have a question about anything on campus, classes, or cool things to do, they can get in touch with you and just ask. It doesn't take all that much time, and you'll probably make a couple new friends in the process. If you think that you would like to be a mentor, just get in touch with the SGA. If you forgot how to do so, please see above...

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OPINION

THE WAY I SEE IT...

The best preventative is kindness

Teresa Piekarski
Flyer Staff Writer

Since the Colorado tragedy, many issues have been raised in hopes of finding the answer as to why these inconceivable horrors transpired on Apr. 20. Many people are pointing fingers towards the parents. How could they not notice their children's rage? Some are discussing gun control. Why did these two teenagers have access to guns? Others mention violence in the media and the gruesome fantasies found in certain video games and websites. How much of a role did these things play in the Littleton Massacre? Although these issues are important to discuss, one significant point is being swept under the rug.

In the suicide note written by one of the gunmen, we learned that this was an act of revenge. The two boys were apparently taunted and tormented in school. They felt as though they were not accepted.

Surely, we can all relate to these feelings of inadequacy. I can

vividly remember my middle school years. I had braces strapped over my teeth, a hairstyle which could best be described as out of control, and I was fat. Every day, I dreaded getting on the school bus and hearing the other children "moo" at me as I quickly hid myself in my seat. Often, after school, I would run into my house with tears streaming down my cheeks.

During adolescence almost everyone is a target for ridicule. If you do not wear the "cool" clothes, you are made fun of. If you are too tall or too short, you become the butt of a cruel joke. If you are overweight or too thin, you are victimized by your peers. In short, anything making you different makes you vulnerable to ridicule.

Mistreatment from schoolmates often leaves deep wounds. In this case, the wounds never healed. The anger and hatred grew until the two gunmen could no longer stand it. They simply exploded and 15 people died as a result, including themselves.

Now, I am not by any means justifying the action these two boys took,

nor am I claiming that the victims deserved the atrocities that occurred. I am simply questioning the commonplace existence of abuse heaped upon people who are different.

Generally, people have accepted that, in schools everywhere, handfuls of students will be chosen as "nerds" or "freaks." These children will be outcasts and will be constantly abused verbally, emotionally, psychologically and sometimes even physically. And the abuse does not only exist in the halls of high schools; it can be found almost anywhere.

Everyone, at one time, has been put down, picked on, or made to feel inferior. Everyone knows what a horrible feeling it is to be treated in this way. So why does it still happen? Why are so many people still treated so badly? What can we do to prevent people from experiencing this terrible type of pain?

We can smile. Say hello. Make physical contact. This extra effort can mean so much to someone, and you may never even realize it.

There is a man on campus who is part of the staff, and almost every day I see him outside cleaning up the campus. No matter what he is doing, I have noticed that he always takes the time to say hello and smiles at strangers passing by. I do not know about all of you, but for me, this warm greeting can sometimes make my day.

Understand that everyone is different and that is what makes us special. If you see or hear someone being picked on, stand up for them. You never know when you may need someone to do the same for you. Search for the good in everyone, because it does exist. Look past appearances and preconceived judgments and see what truly stands before you; another person with feelings just like you. Realize, that despite our differences, we all share one thing in common. We are all human.

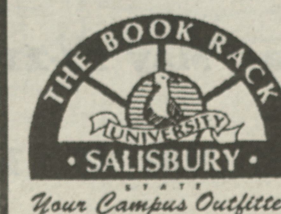
I realize that my words on this page cannot alter the world. I understand that I cannot stop all the torment outcasts endure day after day. My only hope is that someone will read this and really take time to think about it.



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Letters to the Editor

Gullapalooza depends on students

To the Editor:

Yes, Gullapalooza is going to happen this year. Yes, WSUR is doing it without SOAP's assistance. And yes, the show is definitely going to rock.

Last year's Gullapalooza, featuring the Violent Femmes, was a booming success with over 4,000 students in attendance that saved the Eastern Shore AIDS Foundation from going bankrupt. This year, however, SOAP's lack of involvement has many students worried.

SOAP's decision not to get involved with WSUR's Gullapalooza was its own mistake. Their plan to put on a separate show off-campus, paid for by student activities fees, and then charge the students again for tickets, is an unpopular one.

Does SOAP think an overpriced ticket for "a concert at a small venue with three bands that have a total of three hit songs" will be as popular as a free,

all-day charity festival featuring local talent? Perhaps they don't understand the way SSU's music scene works. SOAP's "lackadaisical attitude towards Gullapalooza," although disappointing, will hurt SOAP more than the show.

Many underclassmen are under the false impression that SOAP is in charge of Gullapalooza. The reality is that WSUR has put on successful shows for the last six years by themselves. WSUR will continue to put on the annual charity show, as they have done in the past, with or without SOAP's help.

So the question is: Can WSUR make Gullapalooza a success without SOAP's assistance? The answer is yes. The WSUR management team has worked tirelessly to obtain sponsors, vendors, entertainment and quality bands for the festival, just as they have done every year.

Since SOAP decided not to throw in any money, and the

Appropriations Board is notorious for clamping down WSUR's budget, the station has gone with local and regional bands that are willing to play for free. The bands for the festival fit SSU's music tastes perfectly. Mary Prankster, Colouring Lesson and Live Alien Broadcast (all reputable acts on Annapolis' FOWL Records label), play college style music that incorporates funk, ska, reggae and rock.

In addition to the popular FOWL Records bands, the show also boasts several local and out-of-town bands. The popular acoustic artist Virginia (who has played at SSU several times before), opens the show at 12:30, and the Sidewinders Ska Club from Washington, D.C. is playing early in the evening. The show wraps up with local hardcore lovable Divide, followed by rap act DemBols.

Last year, Gullapalooza provided the one shining example of

SSU fighting against the student apathy that has pervaded campus for years. It is now up to the students to take a chance on some bands they may not have heard of, but are guaranteed to like. With another successful Gullapalooza under WSUR's belt, organizations such as SOAP, the SGA and the Appropriations Board will simply have to take notice of the station.

WSUR has done everything possible, as they have every year, to put on a wonderful all-day festival to please the students at SSU. The success of Gullapalooza doesn't rely on how much money SOAP decides to pitch in, or how big a name the headliner is. Gullapalooza's success depends on the students of SSU, and their willingness to get out and do something.

Matt Borlik
WSUR Staff

SOAP Splash Bash in response to requests

To the Editor:

Well, we can't say that we were surprised with the letter that was in last week's *The Flyer* regarding both Gullapalooza and the SOAP Splash Bash. We just wish that the concerned student could have had some factual information prior to writing the letter.

For starters, Gullapalooza is an event put on by the student-run radio station, WSUR, not SOAP. SOAP co-sponsored the event last year by bringing the Violent Femmes. It was a great success, but extremely costly. WSUR was made aware that due to the high costs of production, SOAP would not be doing a concert with Gullapalooza this year. It has nothing to do with being "lackadaisical," just that we have absolutely nothing to do with Gullapalooza.

As for their planning of the Gullapalooza, we are unable to comment either way because we do not know what they have, or have not done. The

SOAP Splash Bash, Everything, 2 Skinnee J's and Citizen King, is a national act (a national act is what the students asked for!). Students have been asked to give their input on what they want through surveys, open meetings and conversations at events. We would love to see Wyclef or Sugar Ray or Everclear, but until we have \$50,000+, a venue, and student support for it, it will not happen. In the same respect, we were trying to get other bands to play at SSU and they simply will not come for 6,000 students.

We realize that the bands that were chosen are not going to be to the liking of every student on campus. That, in itself, will never happen. You cannot make everyone happy.

Executive Board
Student Organization for Activities
Planning (SOAP)

Schedule of upcoming events:

Wednesday, May 5 - 8 p.m. - Cinco de Mayo party at the Crossroads

Friday, May 7 - 3:30 p.m. - Honors Convocation Ceremony

Saturday, May 8 - Gullapalooza

Monday, May 10 - 7 p.m. - SSU-TV Video Festival

Monday, May 17-21 - Finals Week

Sunday, May 23 - 3 p.m. - Graduation

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•Welcome Week 1999

Committee makes big plans

Jennifer Martin
Flyer Staff Writer

As the end of the semester arrives, and summer approaches, students are having more and more trouble keeping their minds on school and work. But, for those students who are returning next semester, there's one event that they just might want to keep in mind.

Beginning August 31, new and returning students can participate in the annual "Welcome Week," a program developed for students, by students. This year's theme is called "The Ride of Your Life" and the committee is especially excited. "Welcome Week is a perfect opportunity for students to get involved in the campus community," said sophomore and co-chair Shelly Duguid.

The event kicks off with "Survival of Arrival." This program, held in the Quad, extends a warm welcome to new students by helping them move in and get acquainted with being at a university.

That night, the committee is sponsoring "Start Your Engines" in Red Square. Students get a chance to break the ice and learn a little bit about each other at this event. Later, they can dance the night away in the Crossroads.

The games continue on Tuesday in the Quad. From 2 to 5 p.m., students can test their skills on the climbing wall, or play a game of frisbee. Or, students can get a free ride to the beach or mall between 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m..

After a mandatory lecture at 7:30 p.m., students unfamiliar with the campus can get a tour led by the Welcome Week Committee.

Stop by the Crossroads for a "Pit Stop" on Wednesday night and enjoy the comedic songs of Mike Rayborn.

The Student Activities Fair, held on Thursday afternoon in Red Square, gives students a chance to get acquainted with SSU's clubs and organizations. Later that night, students can travel around town in SSU vans to look for scavenger hunt clues. A scavenger hunt, like MTV's Road Rules, will begin at 6:30 p.m. This is a perfect way to get to know the town.

Friday night is sure to be a blast with

comedians Rudy Rush and Erin Foley. This event is co-sponsored by SOAP and begins at 7:30 p.m.. From 10:30 p.m. to early in the next morning, students get a chance to bring their sleeping bags out on the Quad and watch some of their favorite flicks, like "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and "Top Gun."

Saturday wraps up the event with a final free ride to the beach and the mall in the morning. A Campus Run will be held in the afternoon and students will get a chance to win free t-shirts and other prizes. The week ends with a fireworks show at the intramural fields. "It's also a celebration for the beginning of the semester and the community really looks forward to it," said Duguid.

So, if you are returning next semester

and want to get involved, "Welcome Week" is the perfect opportunity to help out, make new friends and have fun.

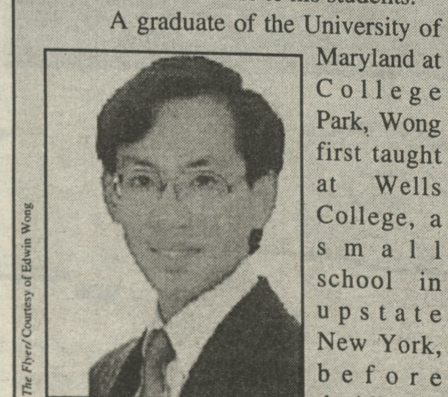


The 1998 Welcome Week staff did an amazing job making freshmen feel comfortable during their first week of college.

Edwin Wong makes huge "impact" at SSU

Alison Siegel
Flyer Staff Writer

As perhaps one of the most well-rounded professors on campus, Edwin Wong of the biology department leads quite a full life. Teaching a full course load and serving as both the advisor to Student Impact and the biology department webmaster, Wong devotes most of his life to his students.



Edwin Wong devotes much of his time and energy to his students.

journey. Wong spent three years teaching at the university level in mainland China.

"I was born here in the States, so I don't really speak much Chinese," Wong explained. "I decided to go because, during my time in graduate school and afterwards, I met a lot of Chinese scholars and grad students who were really just brilliant, the cream of the crop from their country. They'd come here for their education, and they wouldn't go back. I thought, 'The cream of the crop from China is leaving their country; they're benefiting America, but they're leaving their own nation sort of destitute. Who's going to help those students who are still there?'" he noted.

During his time in China, Wong taught biology at a Chinese university, instructing all of his courses in English. Wong described his experience in China as feeling as if he was serving as a window to the world. He explained, "I was able to expose them to all sorts of things and ideas that they might never, in

a closed society, have a chance to experience or see."

Wong feels that, through his experiences in China, he gained an appreciation for his life in America. "Every person in America should go overseas to a developing nation and live for a little while. I guarantee you that you'll come back and never ever complain about this place again. I think that happened to all the foreigners I met. They'd see people living under very harsh conditions, without very much, and still having life, still succeeding academically and personally. People would come back and say, 'I'm spoiled rotten in the States. I'm not going to complain anymore about anything!'" Wong recalled.

After returning to the States, Wong and his wife stayed with his parents near Washington D.C., while he looked for nearby faculty positions. "The chairman of the biology department, Dr. Jones, called me and asked me if I

Who's Who AT SSU?

Spectacular Student: Aaron Talasnik

Stephanie Shetler
Flyer Staff Writer

Junior Aaron Talasnik creates the perfect picture of making the most out of college life by taking advantage of the various educational and social opportunities that surround him. Talasnik was attracted to SSU because of the small school atmosphere. The chance to compete on the swim team clinched his decision. Now, three years later, he has proven that he made the right choice with many friends and fun memories.

He is known for being crazy and fun, never showing the slightest sign of embarrassment. You may remember him from the Spring Olympics karaoke contest where he dressed up as Brittany Spears. As he sang, more and more of his clothes came off until he was wearing nothing but speedos and a sports bra. As a Choptank Hall RA, he was excited to win this event. "Spring

Olympics is the biggest day for RAs. I had the most fun I ever had," he said.

This is Talasnik's first year as an RA, and he has his hands full with 40 female residents. "It was weird at first. One, coming into the job new was a little scary. Then I got 40 girls and I knew that was going to be really unique," he said.

Talasnik became an RA to help freshmen through the adjustment period of college life. He has been successful by developing a good, working relationship with everyone on his floor. They all have fun and support each other. He is often seen at the girls' sporting events.

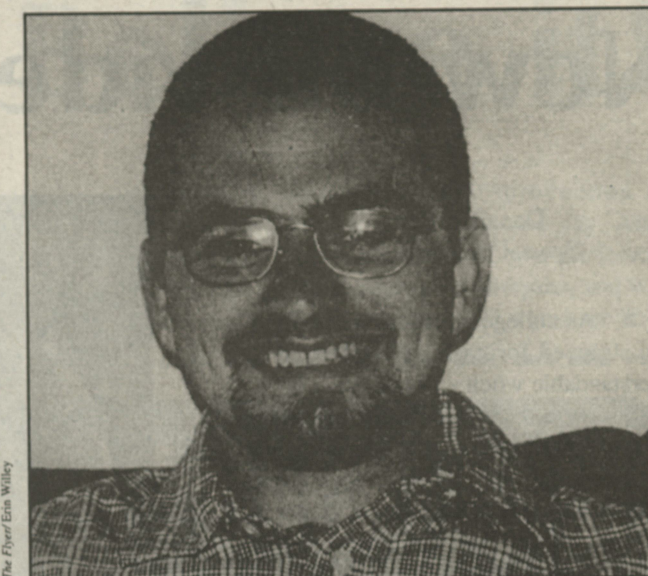
As the women's lacrosse team's #1 fan, Talasnik attends all the games and has even dressed up as a sea gull to cheer them on.

The supportive relationship among his residents was demonstrated by Choptank Hall's third place finish in this year's Spring Olympics. "Choptank Hall has always been seen as a building

that you can get a lot of support from. This year, we were out there supporting and we did well," he said. Their third place finish was considered a great victory over last year's seventh place position.

Talasnik enjoys being an RA because he gets to meet a variety of people. He is excited to continue his duties next year and plans to keep in touch with his current residents.

Before he was an RA, Talasnik got involved with the swim team and WSUR. He has been a committed



Aaron Talasnik is the exemplary, well-rounded college student, as he is involved with so many different aspects of campus life.

member to both organizations for three years.

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Spotlight on Edwin Wong

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wanted to come down for an interview. I thought, "Salisbury, now let's see....That's that rest stop on the way to Ocean City, isn't it?" I'd never seen Salisbury other than Rt. 50. So, it was a surprise for me to discover that there's a really nice little town here off of 50. We quickly fell in love with it. My wife and I really love this place. We now have a little two and a half year old son, and we think this would be a really nice place to raise a child," Wong said.

Wong feels that both the students and the faculty at SSU are very cooperative and easy to work with. He's noticed that they are very supportive of one another and that there is a lot of good teamwork at this campus. Teaching primarily cell, molecular and microbiology courses, Wong believes that he needs to interact with his students beyond the purely academic level.

He explained, "Some people would say, 'Aren't you just supposed to be teaching cell biology?' I'm really trying to interface with my students as whole people. That means I need to be addressing them as whole people, addressing the concerns and needs that they have. My wife and I actually bought a house specifically because it was near

the University, and we have students over there all the time."

Part of Wong's close interactions with his students stems from his role as advisor to Student Impact. At SGA's recent Celebration of Leadership, Wong received the award for Outstanding Faculty Advisor, while he was also nominated for the Outstanding Faculty Award.

Wong and his wife, both co-advisors for Student Impact, became involved with the organization shortly after moving to Salisbury. "We were looking for some campus groups to get involved with, and we were looking for a group that was involved with the spiritual lives of students," Wong recalled.

Wong describes the overall purpose of Student Impact as just being able to help students develop their relationship with their god. "My wife and I feel that, as humans, we have several important components: the physical, intellectual and spiritual components. The spiritual tends to be neglected, and I think, at actually a great expense.

You only have to look at some of the things people wrestle with in life to realize that we're neglecting that spiritual component in life. It kind of leaves you hollow and empty and chasing after things that often are destructive to yourself," Wong explained.

According to Wong, one of the ways to help people explore that spiritual component is to get students together with others who are also on a spiritual journey. He said, "We figure that all together, we'll help each other discover some new things about the spiritual side of life." Student Impact has weekly group meetings, averaging about 70 students in attendance each week. The largest meeting this semester had 99 people in attendance, making Student Impact one of, if not the largest, on-campus student organizations.

"We have people who are at the very early stages of the spiritual journey, and others who feel that they've found what they're looking for, so we have quite

an array of people there," Wong noted. "It's totally non-denominational. In fact, we've got a couple of students who really aren't sure if there is a god, and they like to hang out and ask those questions. I think it's neat that students feel that this is a safe environment in which to do their spiritual search. They feel that this is a place where they can ask questions, and, hopefully, somewhere in our dialogue, we're giving answers to people," he added.

No matter where Wong's path as a professor takes him, his overall goal is still to be able to meet his students as whole people. He explained, "I want to be there and be available for them, not just as a student learning a fixed packet of data or information about my discipline, but to be able to say that I've helped students with getting through this whole journey of life, which is a lot more complicated than just saying, 'Here. Learn this about cell biology.' Frankly, that's a very minuscule portion of life, and I never want to say that it's the most important thing in life, to learn this material in my class and forget everything else. Actually, real life has lots and lots of components, and I want to be able to help, assist and encourage them in those aspects as well."



Arts & Entertainment

•Rental Review

New on video..."Meet Joe Black"

Dana Cassidy
Special to The Flyer

As college students, we're all a little strapped for cash. Therefore, it's understandable when you just don't have \$7.50 to go to the theater to see a movie. So, you wait for the movie to come out on video, and only have to fork over \$2.09. If that's the case, then I've got a review for you..."Meet Joe Black."

It's my guess that most men won't like it, and women, for the most part, will. In this movie, the two main characters, Brad Pitt as Joe Black (a.k.a. Death) and Claire Forlani as Susan Parrish, have great chemistry in the opening and closing scenes, but lack a little in between. It seems as if the only thing Joe Black gets excited about during the majority of the movie is his strange fondness for peanut butter.

The pace of the movie is a little slow, and convoluted, but it has to be that way so the viewer can understand it. The majority of the plot is implausible, but that appears to be part of its fantasy-like charm. I'm afraid explaining the plot to you would leave you scratching your head wondering what on Earth I am talking about.

The movie is designed to take place over the course of a week, and the length of the movie seems true to life. The movie was three hours in length, but I didn't feel the story was strong enough to justify that kind of length. Naturally, Anthony Hopkins, who played Bill Parrish (Susan's dad), and the object of Joe Black's mission, have the strongest performance in the movie. I was pleased with the debut of Claire Forlani. However, Brad Pitt was a disappointment. I understand that he was just trying to personify death in the best way that he could imagine, but it was dismal. I always picture Brad Pitt as Tristan in *Legends of the Fall*, and in my mind, anything less is unacceptable.

Although I felt this movie was grasping at straws to come across as believable, I did enjoy it. Why? Because this movie has love, betrayal, sin, seduction, and redemption - it's just sad it was in a pitiful package. I kept projecting myself into the movie as into Susan's shoes. I wasn't caught up in the



In "Meet Joe Black," the passion and fire between Susan Parrish (Claire Forlani) and Joe Black (Brad Pitt) is limited compared to the loving relationship between Parrish and her father Bill (Anthony Hopkins.)

romance aspect of the movie (even though I did fantasize about kissing Brad Pitt). Instead, I found myself weeping over the tender father-daughter scenes.

It was horrible! I kept picturing myself losing my father, especially since he turned 60 this year. I reminisced about our close relationship. My dad is such a

cool guy; he give me advice on everything from love to money, and never judges me. (Sniffle)

It's O.K. guys. After seeing this movie, I totally understand why you say you'd rather see *The Waterboy* (although I saw that too and have my own opinions). Ladies, do your men a favor, don't make them watch this movie with you. In my opinion, this movie is better reserved for a girls' night out, or a PMS day, when you know you're going to end up crying anyway.

Is anyone else out there sick of commercialized Hollywood? I think the next movie I rent will be another one of those hip, low-budget independent films. I encourage you to do the same. There are lots of great unknown movies out there. *High Art* with Ally Sheedy and *The Governess* with Minnie Driver come to mind right away. Explore what's out there, and don't get trapped in a Hollywood rut.

The Flyer's Top Rental Picks

For a night of movies, junk food and relaxation

• "Gone With the Wind"

• "Breakfast Club"

• "Jerry Maguire"

• "Dirty Dancing"

• "The Lost Boys"

• "Goonies"

• "Casablanca"

• "Indiana Jones"

• "Star Wars Trilogy"

• "Dazed and Confused"

• "Empire Records"

• "Scream"

• "Breakfast at Tiffany's"

• "Sleepless in Seattle"

• "When Harry Met Sally"

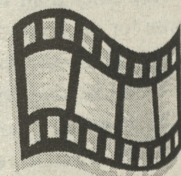
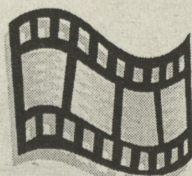
• "Sixteen Candles"

• "Top Gun"

• "Field of Dreams"

• "Legends of the Fall"

• "Interview with the Vampire"



Arts & Entertainment

•CD Review

French hip hop? Believe it!

Andy Slater
Flyer Staff Writer

If you have ever seen the opera, then you know you do not have to understand the words of a song to appreciate the emotion involved. This is the case with French hip hop. To most American hip hop fans, even its dedicated followers, the term "French hip hop" would seem to be a contradiction. They would be surprised to find out that it flourishes in many parts of the world, perhaps nowhere greater than in this particular European country.

The critically acclaimed Marseille group IAM (pronounced I Am), has drawn comparisons to the Wu-tang Clan, due to its use of martial arts samples, and its dominance for the European rap scene. Also like the Wu-tang Clan, IAM has spawned several solo projects. The latest is a joint effort between Freeman and his close associate K.Rhyme Le Roi (pronounced Karim). They are sort of a French version of Raekwon and Ghostface Killah. It's called *L'Palais de Justice*, and if you find a copy here in the States, consider yourself lucky. We don't seem to be as open to their music as they are to ours, but hopefully that will change.

IAM's production team, Cote Obscur, could lay a very legitimate claim as the best in the world. They definitely prove it with this LP, as they provide Freeman and K. Rhyme with sonic masterpieces that would make most of our producers look like amateurs.

Things start off nicely with

"Bladi (My Country)." It was done by Sheb Khaled, using elements of Rai, a form of music influenced by the traditional sound of Maghreb and today's instrumentation. Even if you don't speak French, the emotion can still be felt, as the song describes the current situation in Algeria; one of misery, corruption and an ongoing struggle for freedom. On "Le Voile Du Silence", K.Rhyme Le Roi tells the story of an Arabian girl desperate to escape from her family, and her journey from Algeria to Marseille. Once again, the production is nothing short of breathtaking as Akhenaton, a member of Cote Obscur, uses Oriental vocals and chords to set the mood.

Imhotep proves again why Cote Obscur is above the rest with "Destine An Finir Seul" (Fated to Die Alone). Freeman rides this one solo, but the Def Bond family appears on an outstanding cut, "C'este Notre Hip Hop (This is Our Hip Hop)." Paris' finest are also included as Oxmo Puccino and Pit Baccardi drop by to assist on "Le Passe Reste (The Past Remains)." It's not hard to see how French hip hop dominates Europe right now, as all emcees come with smart lyrics on this one. The crown jewel of the album, however, is undoubtedly, "La Terre N'est Pas Mon Chez Moi" (The Earth is Not My Home)." Freeman displays an exceptionally original style here, something that American emcees seem to have lost sight of.

Not to downplay the obvious impact American hip hop has had on our society, but the French seem to have the focus that we lost a long time ago. Practically every song comes with

extremely tight production and a message. Perhaps one day, American hip hop artists will take the lesson from our European counterparts, and we'll get back to the level we were once at.

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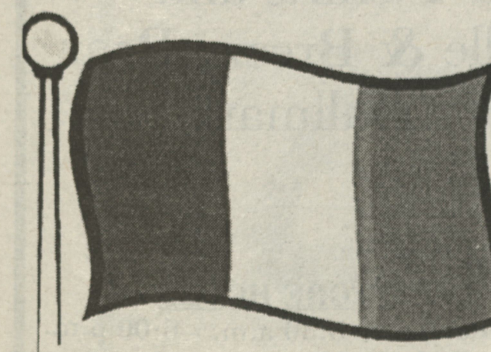
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Aaron Talasnik gets involved

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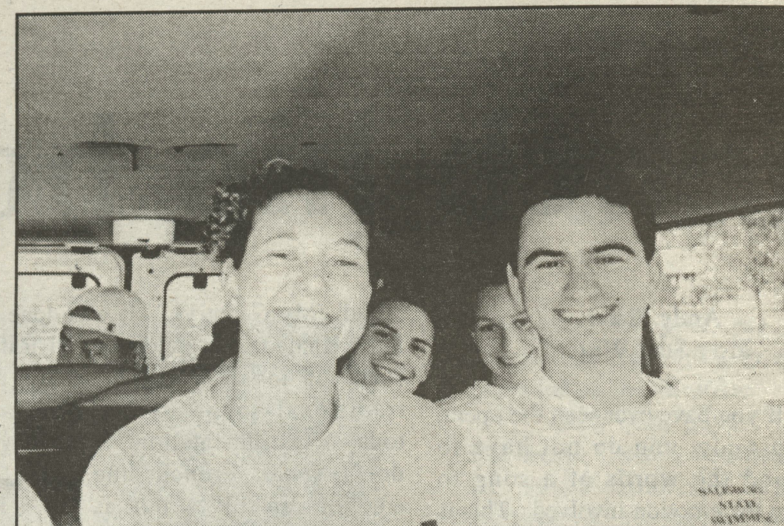
After competing on a swim team since the ninth grade, Talasnik's dedication paid off when he set a record during his freshman season. This year, he struggled a bit due to shoulder surgery that caused him to give up the backstroke. Talasnik would not allow his surgery to keep him from competing in the sport he loves. This season he was seen participating in the freestyle events. He feels that he has made a lot of improvements during the season and is ready for next year.

Outside of Choptank and the pool, Talasnik is likely to be found at WSUR. As Program Director, he is responsible for what shows go on the air and during which time slots. You can tune in to his show, the Danger Zone, on

Fridays from 12 to 2 a.m., or catch him on the Sports Machine between 8 and 10 p.m. on Tuesdays. Talasnik is a huge sports fan, and was the Sports Director at the station for a year before holding his current position as Program Director. He has recently been nominated as General Manager at WSUR and will find out the results this week.

As a Communication Arts major with a business minor, Talasnik has created an interest in television this semester. His interest was sparked by his Television Production class. "I love it! We have a lot of fun in class," he said. At this year's SSU TV Video festival, Talasnik will appear in many of his classmates' projects. His uninhibitedness naturally made him a success in this class. He has been the key talent, appearing as a number of characters,

varying from a depressed patient to a wife beater. "I like to ham it up in front of the camera as much as possible," he said. Talasnik will be submitting his own Public Service Announcement about



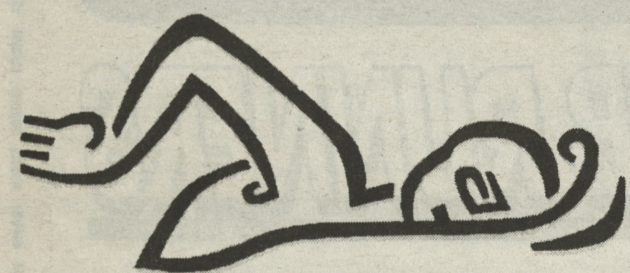
Aaron Talasnik has made many friends through all of his involvement at SSU, especially with the swim team.

Trojan condoms at the festival, as well. The SSU Video Festival is being held in Caruthers Hall Auditorium on Monday, May 10 at 7 p.m., and is sure to bring a few laughs to all who attend.

This summer, Talasnik plans to work outside of Philadelphia at Y100. He will be part of the senior street squad which is responsible for advertising gigs and promotions. He enjoys the perks of the job, such as free concerts and fun bar

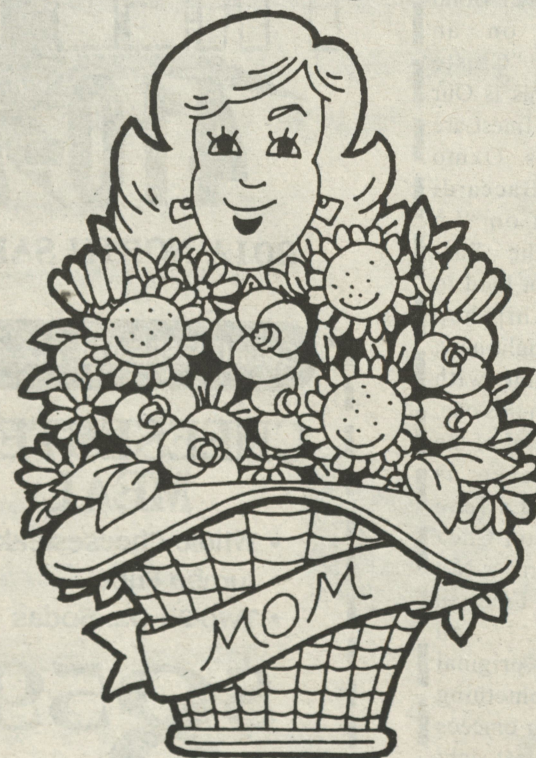
promotions. His goal for this summer is to get on the air at least once at Y100. "I want to experience being on the air at a major station," he said.

In his free time, Talasnik enjoys concerts, the outdoors and the SSU improv troop, Bound and Gagged. As a well-rounded student, who balances fun and academics, Talasnik is a great role model for other students.

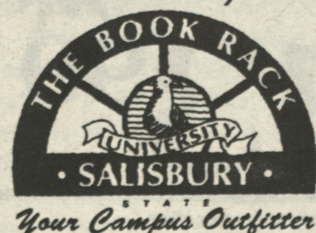


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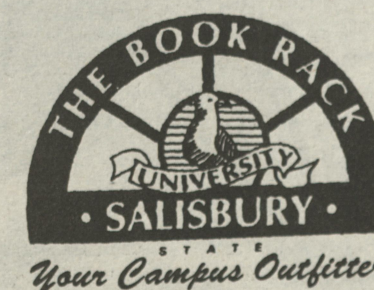
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SSU demonstrates dominance

Steve McIntosh
Flyer Sports Writer

The weekend of Apr. 23-25 was a big one for SSU athletics. Over the course of the weekend, SSU hosted four CAC Championship Tournaments - men's and women's track and field, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, and softball. Each SSU team had clinched the top seed in their respective tournaments, thanks to an extremely successful regular season.

The Gulls were extremely triumphant in these championship

tournaments, taking three titles at home, as well as an additional title brought home from VA by the men's tennis team.

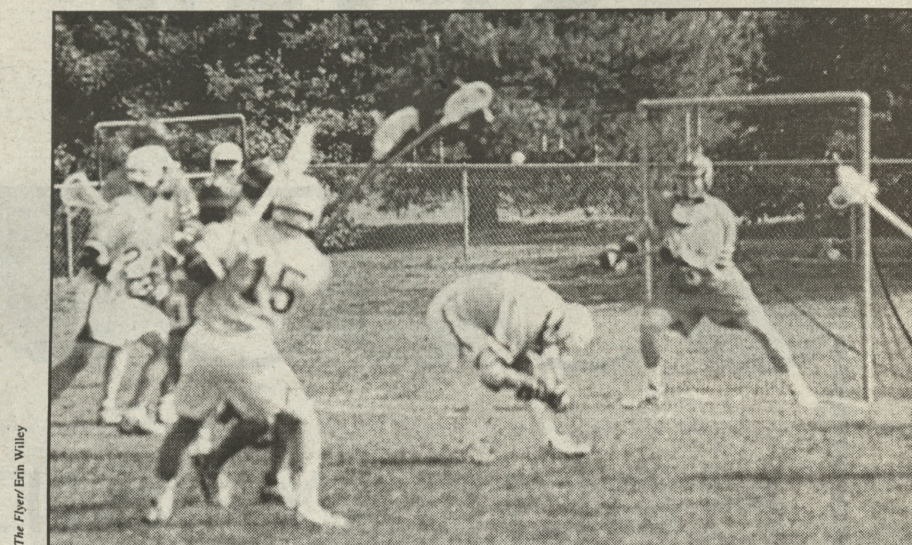
The first championship came when the men's track team squeezed by St. Mary's College to claim the title. The team was led by the outstanding performance of blazing senior Tony Hill, who placed first in four of his five events.

The next title won on the athletic fields was by the softball team. The Sea Gulls all but demolished their opponents in the tournament. They won all their games by the slaughter rule, barely letting the other team know what hit them. They captured the crown after crushing Catholic in the final, 13-2.

The next victim to fall to the dominance of SSU athletics was the men's lacrosse team. Even though the Gulls allowed St. Mary's to hang around into the fourth, SSU showed just why it was ranked fourth in the country, pulling out the title game in grand fashion.

In VA, the men's tennis team captured its fourth straight CAC title. The win continues a dominance that has become almost automatic for the team in the late 90's.

The titles that were lost at home were nothing to be ashamed about either. The girls track team placed second right behind St. Mary's. The girls lacrosse team was in the game to



The men's lacrosse team captured the CAC title and is primed for a run in the NCAA Tournament.

the very end and were downed by a questionable call by the referee. The Gulls fell, in what was probably the most exciting game of the weekend.

In fact, the results of the weekend's events were enough to give SSU the school's first ever CAC All-Sports Trophy. This trophy is awarded to the school who has the highest all-around standings in all sports throughout the year in the Capital Athletic Conference.

SSU athletics won six of 18 CAC titles throughout the year, including four, two weekends ago. A third of the titles out of an eight team conference is a truly admirable accomplishment. SSU edged out Mary

Washington College by a total points standing of 204.7 to 192.6 to win the award.

The weekend's events perhaps may have been a beginning ground for the emergence of SSU as a Division III powerhouse across the board. Certainly, if this dominance continues, SSU will be quite an athletically strong school. We know for certain that four teams will be sent to the Division III National Tournament, with the chance that one or two more teams might sneak in with at-large bids. This shows just how dominating the spring sports have become this year.



The softball team captured the CAC crown in dominating fashion.



Despite falling in the CAC Final, the women's team still has a shot at getting an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

SSU's CAC TITLES

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Field Hockey

Volleyball

Men's Tennis

Men's Track

Softball

Men's Lacrosse

Gull Takes

SSU wins "The War on the Shore"

They call it "The War on the Shore," and it certainly lived up to its name. SSU rallied from being down 14-11 late in the fourth quarter to force overtime and then defeat Wahington College on a goal by senior co-captain Josh Tidwell.

SSU jumped out to leads of 4-0 and 6-1 in front of the crowd of 2,000 fans, many of whom made the 45-minute trip from Salisbury. The game was already being regarded as one of the best games in this series' storied history, when Tidwell stepped in and made a case for best ever.

Tidwell came into the game

with just five goals on the season, but SSU coach Jim Berkman called a play for his unheralded co-captain, who gladly delivered. The winning goal, just 1:29 into the extra session, gave SSU the win and helped Tidwell fulfill his childhood dreams. "I've been dreaming of scoring a winning goal since I was in third grade," Tidwell said.

A big result of Saturday's win is that fourth-ranked SSU (15-1) will advance into the quarterfinals of the NCAA D-III Tournament with a bye and then get to play at home. Meanwhile, the third-ranked Shoremen (11-2) now have to play in the tournament's opening round, and then go on the road in the quarters.

But if history is a teacher, this will not be the last time these two teams meet this season. If it were to happen again, though, lacrosse fans would be in their glory.



Teamwork has been a major factor in the lacrosse team's success this season.

Intramural Sports

Final push as semester winds down



Andrew Gilchrist
Special to The Flyer

It is almost time to wrap up another year of Intramural Sports. There are less than two weeks of classes left (as if I had to tell you that), and we here at the Intramural Department are beginning to close up shop for the summer. This past weekend, we hosted our annual Spring Golf tournament at the Great Hope Golf Course. Although we had a good turnout, we still feel we could do better. Congratulations to those who won.

We also hosted a 4-on-4 Flag Football Tournament sponsored by EDGE sport gel. I was very disappointed with the turnout, especially given the tournament's unique style of play, and the number of prizes available. If you didn't participate in either of these

events, look for them next year and please come out and play.

This week marks the end of our softball leagues. Both the Men's and Co-Rec. divisions will be finishing up this week. In the Co-Rec. league, five teams remain: Blue Devils, Aunt Betty's, Second to None, ROS, and Red Dawgs.

In the Men's league, it is down to the final four: Shockers, Swingers, Master Blasters, and Salisbury Pride. Good luck to all nine teams.

We also have two new tournaments starting up this week: Our One Pitch Softball tournament and our Co-Rec. Sand Volleyball tournament. Again,

good luck to all the teams entered in both of these tournaments.

We would also like to announce that we are now taking applications for Intramural Supervisors for next year. If you enjoy sports, and are looking for a flexible job on campus, this is the position for you. Knowledge of sports, reliability and a strong work ethic are all you need. Many of our supervisors have moved on to Graduate Assistantships with a variety of schools. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals thinking of a career in the sports field. For more information, contact Wayne Gorow at 548-3266.

Team of the week: The Men's Club Rugby Team. SSU's men's rugby club once again made SSU proud, finishing fifth in the nation. For the fourth year in a row, our squad traveled to the Men's Collegiate Division II National Championships. This year's championship took place in Cincinnati, OH, from Apr. 23-25.

In the first game, we faced a tough University of Northern Colorado squad, losing 29-17. We then beat the University of Nevada Las Vegas and the University of Dayton in the consolation round to end with a strong fifth place finish. Congratulations to all the guys for another successful season.

Out with the old, in with the old

Lenny Mierzwa
Flyer Sports Writer

The Baltimore Orioles started off the season, playing with a purpose. They would dedicate the season to Cal Ripken Sr., who passed away just prior to opening day. Ripken was in the Orioles organization for 36 years as a player, coach, manager and scout. This was definitely a huge blow to a team that was trying to improve from the sub-par year they had the season before.

Probably the most affected player was his son, Cal Ripken, Jr. Ripken, Jr. has been with the Orioles since he was signed in 1978. After starting off the year with five errors in eight games and batting only .178, he was placed on the disabled list for the first time in his career. He has been troubled with back spasms since opening day, which have affected his hitting and fielding. Ripken's replacement was Willis Otanez.

Newly-acquired second baseman, Delino Deshields, broke his thumb while catching a line drive during

a spring training game. Deshields missed about six weeks with his injury and has only batted .170 since his return.

By far, the highlight of the Orioles' off-season was the acquisitions of first baseman, Will Clark, and outfielder, Albert Belle. However, to bring these players in, the Orioles lost such key players as Eric Davis, Roberto Alomar and Rafael Palmeiro.

Clark was recently placed on the disabled list with a broken thumb, after trying to bat down a line drive. Meanwhile, Belle has not lived up to his expectations thus far. Belle has cleaned up his problems off the field, but is not putting up the numbers that he is being paid to produce. Belle usually puts up good numbers after the all-star break, but if he does not start performing now, the Orioles will be far out of contention by then.

Another dark spot for the Orioles has been pitching. The pitching staff, as a whole, has given up 149 runs in just 21 games. This is a little bit surprising since manager, Ray Miller, is a former pitcher.

coach. Mike Mussina and Ricky Bones are the only bright spots for the Orioles' pitching. Mussina has three of the team's five wins all year. Bones is the only pitcher with an earned run average below two. Scott Erickson has lost five games in five attempts, while sporting a 9.36 earned run average.

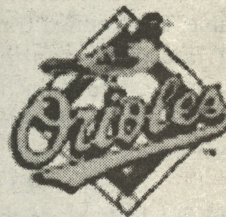
After a recent game against the Oakland Athletics, in which the Orioles surrendered a late lead, Miller blasted his team. The pitchers walked 14 batters in a nine-inning game, which outraged him. This, supposedly, is not the first time there has been tension between Miller and the players. Former Orioles, Alomar and Davis, had something to say about Miller after their departures from Baltimore. According to Sports Illustrated, "Davis blames an overwhelmed Miller for many of the team's troubles last year." Alomar got into a scuffle with Miller where some intense words were spoken. Alomar said, "I'm not the problem, you're the problem."

Anytime a team struggles attention immediately shifts to the manager. Miller's future as a manager does not look too good.

The Orioles have a team in which the average age is 33 years old and the overall salary is \$84 million. This is the third highest payroll in the majors, and goes to a team that has won only five of its first 21 games.

The Orioles have good prospects in the farm system, but owner Peter Angelos says, "There's no rush." Angelos says he was advised that it would be best for these prospects to play a year of Triple A before coming up to the majors.

The Orioles have seen a recent decline in their attendance as well. After the Orioles lost to Kansas City by a score of 15-5, the team was booed off the field by its loyal fans - the same fans that have stuck by them ever since the team started playing at Camden Yards. The Orioles have not won a World Series since 1983, yet their fans have always stuck by their side. Last year, the Orioles had the highest payroll in the major leagues and did not make the playoffs. This turned many heads and the fans will not settle for the same result as last year.



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Basketball Playoff Preview

And the NBA's Next Champ is...

Andy Levin
Flyer Sports Writer

With Michael Jordan retired and the Chicago Bulls dismantled, the race for the NBA title is wide open for the first time this decade. Since the playoffs will be starting soon, we at *The Flyer* thought we would examine the candidates who have the potential to dethrone the Chicago Bulls dynasty.

#8 San Antonio Spurs

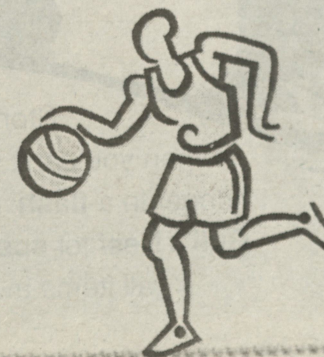
The Spurs definitely were a surprise team this season. Although they have great defense, something is missing. Maybe it's that David Robinson isn't playing as well as he has in the past. Maybe Spur's Coach Gregg Popovich's decision to redefine Robinson's role wasn't a good idea. But still, with Tim Duncan and David Robinson drawing double teams on the inside, why aren't the Spurs the most explosive team from behind the three-point strike? Unfortunately, the Spurs don't score enough points to make it far in the playoffs. A playoff match-up with someone like the Lakers, with a physical defense is going to limit those points even more.

#7 Portland Trailblazers

There's a ton of talent on this team; sometimes they just don't show it. Some nights they seem superhuman, while other nights they are just kids playing on the playground. Damon Stoudamire has sacrificed a lot of his game to keep everyone on this team involved. But unfortunately, everyone on this team has come from losing teams in the past, which isn't very positive in the playoffs. The biggest things the Trailblazers need to do to succeed in the playoffs, is mature quickly and avoid LA at all costs.

#6 Orlando Magic

The Magic's playoff chances were really good, but then something happened, and they went into a downward spiral. Penny Hardaway said, "We are blessed by God." Well, God can



also taketh away. For this team to make it, they need to find the right combination of talent. If they can consistently get the Hardaway-Nick Anderson combination to work every night and get points from players like Horace Grant and Ike Austin, they will have a chance. Plus, let's not forget Chuck Daly is a coach who has been there before and knows what it takes to win.

#5 Los Angeles Lakers

It's difficult to imagine that this conglomeration of talent is struggling to play team basketball. I mean, it's not like they had more personnel changes than a McDonalds or anything. They only fired a good coach, hired the class clown and then turned around and fired him because he acted like a clown. There are so many egos on this team; Freud would have a field day. They are trying to divide the shots between Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant and Glen Rice. Kobe wants the ball for the big shots, which is great to have a player with the arrogance and the skill to back it up. Shaq just wants respect and Glen Rice was brought in to instill fear in the Jazz. But that's the problem: You need to be feared to be a champion and the Jazz know they own the Lakers.

#4 Houston Rockets

This is the team nobody really wants to play. They know they won't come in and overpower anybody, so they've got to play smart basketball. Their best chance to win another title rests solely on Olajuwon and his ability to dominate. But they do need more from rookies Cuttino Mobley and Michael Dickerson in the backcourt. But with the maturity of Olajuwon, Scottie Pippen, and Charles Barkley, they will only play that much better.

#3 Miami Heat

The Heat have really matured and are playing closer to their level of potential than any team in basketball. Alonzo Mourning is having a MVP-like year, but usually finds some way to fall apart at the end. Tim Hardaway has been able to step it up, since

the injuries with Jamal Mashburn and Voshon Lenard. They've all finally bought into Pat Riley's coaching. This team is a team that has always been struck with disaster in the playoffs; whether it was emotional breakdowns, injuries or just completely falling apart. If they can overcome all of these, they could go far.

#2 Indiana Pacers

While the Pacers have a good chance to win it all, they can still be beaten because they don't have that one great player. They've got a lot of good players, but many times in the playoffs, when defense is tough and things break down, the team's ability to give the ball to a consistent player is missing. Sam Perkins will be a valuable addition in that he can play outside and take bigger men away from the basket, leaving holes open for Rik Smits. They also need big numbers from Reggie Miller, whose numbers are down this season from the previous one. I think it is just a sign of a

team imbalance, but we shall see. Still the team to beat in the East.

#1 Utah Jazz

They've got all the pieces. Karl Malone is the best player in basketball and the most valuable. John Stockton's superior passing and shooting has killed the Lakers before and will do it again. But they have to get consistent support in scoring, since two veterans can't carry a team alone. Gregg Osterag has to get physical with Portland and LA. This is the team to beat in the West and my pick to win it all.



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Alpha Sigma Phi
ΑΣΦ
Alpha Sig's in da house! Congrats go to "Smooth-Tip" for winning Sig of the Week and to "Jabber-Jaw" for winning Wig of the Week. Congrats also go to "Jabber-Jaw" for being elected to Greek Council for Greek Week planning, to "Kermit" for being elected Public Relations for Greek Council, and "Kramer" for being elected Secretary of IFC. Can I get a "H*LL Yeah!" for all those roofers that helped out at Camp Wright: "10 hours!" Alright fellas, it's time to relax and let all of the semester stresses out. Less than a month of school remains, so let's make it a good one and not lose our heads.

Alpha Sigma Tau

First things first. Congratulations to all of our newly initiated sisters: Courtney Bryan, Stephanie Griffith, Becky Love, Erika Newman and Kim Shumate. Welcome to our AST family! Best of luck to our graduating seniors and those sisters transferring and student teaching: Jennifer Howe, Michele Klaczak, Christina Peck, Nicole Teser, Jessica Warren and Leslie Watson. You girls will be greatly missed. Make sure you come back and visit. Hopefully everyone had

a great time at Angela's wedding. "Nicole, Ayren, Leslie and Trisha, do you want some Brut?" Cindy, thanks for planning a wonderful cookout on Sunday. What a wonderful way to end the semester!

Delta Gamma

It's a bird, it's a plane. Wait, no, it's just another water balloon. And who says DeeGees don't dress up for class? And on to other victories. Our Adopt-A-Highway "mission" was quick and successful thanks to Sgt. Koss, and Grab-A-Date (or was that "Grab-A-Frat Boy") was a blast! Jen, great job with retreat. We are all so thankful that Angie, Meghan K. and Allie have recovered from the big 2-1. Happy birthday ladies. Thank you ΣAE for the BBQ Thursday. Peace is sweet. "Eli 54" was crazy, we definitely like it better than the basement. OK now, time to get psyched for the Bistro Boogie!!! Until next week...

Greek Council

Congratulations to everyone who was elected to offices in Greek Council. A special congrats is extended to the new Greek Council co-chairs Heather Robson

Phi Mu

Thanks go out to Alpha Sigma Phi for helping us with the river clean up. Congratulations to Emily, Kristie, Chasity, Aimee and Sally for being inducted into Rho Lambda. More snaps to Kelly W., Chasity, Ami D., Kristie and Kim for getting into Order of Omega. Belated congrats to Emily and Delta Gamma's Carolyn Moloney for being awarded Most Panhellenic Women. Welcome to the sisterhood,

Zeta Tau Alpha

On behalf of all the sisters, we would like to thank our awesome new member class, along with the brothers of TKE for such an exciting and fun Thursday night. ΑΩ, we love you guys! We would also like to wish Leah Mikkelsen an amazingly wonderful birthday on May 4! We hope everyone is getting excited for the Crush Party next week...has your crush been invited yet? Hope everyone is ready for a sentimental weekend as our seniors get alumni status and our alumni visit. But always remember, "This is good night and not good bye."

Attention Greek organizations:

Only one week left to tell the rest of campus what's going on in your sorority/fraternity. Say your good-byes to your graduating seniors and include pictures from the semester!



AST's pose for the camera before their banquet.



Two ZTA seniors, Kenna Brigham and Bianca Townsend.

CRIME BEAT

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Jim Phillips
Director of Public Safety



4/23 - 4/26 **Theft** - Pastries and candies were reported stolen from the vending machine located at the south entrance of Maggs Gym.

4/24 **Vandalism** - The glass on a fire alarm pull station on the second floor (north end) of

Chester Hall was broken by two unknown suspects.

4/24 **Vandalism** - A trash can and paper towel holder were damaged in the first floor, north men's room of the Commons.

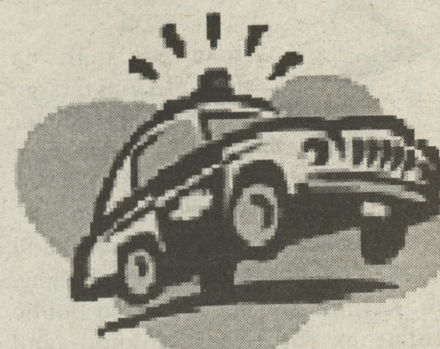
4/24 **Vandalism** - An exit sign was damaged on the second floor, north end of Choptank Hall.

4/24 - 4/25 **Damaged Property** - The window screen in a room on the

third floor of Severn Hall was torn, when an object was apparently thrown through the window.

4/26 **Vandalism** - A visitor reported that a tire was slashed on a vehicle while parked in the Library parking lot.

4/27 **Alcohol Violation** - A number of cans of beer were recovered from an underage student's room in Chester Hall. Administrative action is pending.



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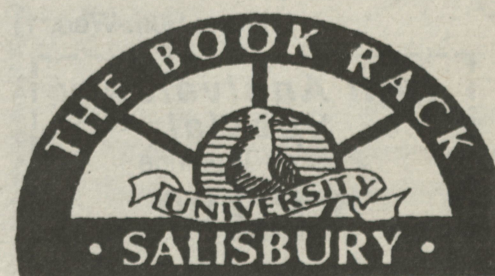
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